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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Washington, D. C.

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March 12, 1954

Honorable Joseph M. Dodge  
Director, Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dodge:

Your request for additional comment on the Department of Justice proposed legislation "To require the registration of certain persons who have knowledge of or have received instruction or assignment in the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a foreign government or foreign political party, and for other purposes," has been assigned to this Department by the Secretary of Defense for the preparation of a report thereon expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

Comment has been requested on the proposed exemptions to be added to section 4 of the draft, as outlined in the Department of Justice letter of November 9, 1953. In addition, you requested comment as to whether these modifications provide adequate exemptions from registration for foreign uniformed personnel coming to the United States for training or consultations not related to intelligence activities.

The additional exemptions outlined in the Department of Justice letter of November 9, 1953, which are proposed to be added as subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h) to section 4 of the draft, are in conformity with previous recommendations of the Department of Defense and are concurred in.

With regard to your second inquiry, it is considered that the above modifications are not adequate to provide for exemption from registration of uniformed personnel of the NATO countries who may come to the United States on matters not related to intelligence activities. In this connection, attention is invited to paragraph (1) of Article III of "An Agreement Regarding Status of Forces of Parties of the North Atlantic Treaty" which states:

"On the conditions specified in paragraph 2 of this Article and subject to compliance with the formalities established by the receiving State relating to entry and departure of a force or the members thereof, such members shall be exempt from passport and visa regulations and immigration inspection on entering

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or leaving the territory of a receiving State. They shall also be exempt from the regulations of the receiving State on the registration and control of aliens, but shall not be considered as acquiring any right to permanent residence or domicile in the territories of the receiving State."

Furthermore, it is believed that the proposed modifications are not adequate to provide for exemption from registration of foreign armed services personnel and associated civilians who are invited to the United States for a course of instruction at the specific request of a military department.

It is recommended, therefore, that section 4 of the proposed draft be further amended by adding an additional exemption reading substantially as follows:

"(i) who is a member of a force of a NATO country who enters the United States under the provisions of Article III, paragraph (1), of the Agreement Regarding Status of Forces of Parties of the North Atlantic Treaty, or who is a civilian or one of the military personnel of a foreign armed service who has been invited to the U.S. for training purposes at the request of a military department of the U.S."

Subject to the foregoing, the Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Department of Defense, interposes no objection to the proposed legislation.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

For the Secretary of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

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Judge Advocate General of the Navy

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TO: Mr. W. Pforzheimer, CIA

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REMARKS: Per our telephone conversation.

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